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In opposing the Principle of Divorce and the Marriage of Divorcees

By an Ex-army Chaplain who was for thirty years a Christian Minister

LOVE, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

The Law of Justice and the Teachings of Jesus Regarding Them.

Talk as much as you please about the all-absorbing interest of men and women in politics, religion, society, literature and art, the question that rises like a giant above them all is involved in Love, Marriage and their consequences. Church authorities, legislators and popular sentiment have often settled the questions springing from these words, and still, like Banquo's Ghost, they rise again; they will not down. Ministers of the Gospel, from the country parson to the highest prelate, are now engaged in storming the castles of matrimony and are making Herculean efforts to bring the thumb screws and prison bars of the dark ages into requisition in the punishment of the poor inoffensive experimenters who are struggling in dire ignorance to find happiness in the uncertain mazes of marriage.

Marriage Congresses, and Divorce Law Congresses and second and third and fourth marriage congresses are being held by the assumed leaders of religious thought, and in all the reports of these conventions thus far received not one redeeming feature is observable, and not a suggestion has been made that can lift an atom of the burden from the shoulders of any marital sufferer, or make the way more pleasant for the millions of people who are rushing pell-mell into connubial strait-jackets.

Definitions. We cannot talk intelligently about any matter without a clear understanding of the words we use; so in this study we must define Love, Marriage and Divorce, three words that strictly carnal man can never comprehend.

Love.

No lexicographer has ever yet given a true definition of this word. Webster defines it thus: "Warm affection; fondness; devotion." The Century Dictionary thus words its first definition: "The principle of sympathetic or pleasurable attraction in sentient

of thinking beings," and seemingly as an after thought the lexicographer says: "In its purest and most universal form love is regarded in the highest conception of God as the essence of divinity."

Jesus' Definition: "Love is the power of God that binds two souls and makes them one."

True love is one, but when it manifests it takes upon itself the nature of the vehicle through which it manifests.

Platonic Love is evidenced when intellect takes hold of love. In certain people beauty, elegance of manners, intellectual strength, etc., produce a sentiment that ripens into admiration which men call love; it is a will-o'wisp that hovers over dangerous fens and pits; that lures to wretchedness unnumbered souls.

Carnal Love is evidenced when the carnal nature of man takes hold of love. An inordinate desire for sensual gratification is often mistaken for love; but it is sure to lead to misery and woe. This pseudo-love, called carnal love, is broader far than sensuality. It is often inspired by selfishness of the lower grades.

Thus we have studied love the real and love the illusion which brings us to the consideration of the almost sure result:

Marriage.

The dictionary defines this word thus: "The legal union of a man with a woman for life." The question is often asked: "What constitutes this marriage?" In his sermon on the Mount Jesus considers this question thus:

"The law forbids adultery; but in the eyes of law adultery is an overt act, the satisfaction of the sensuous self outside the marriage bonds.

"Now marriage in the sight of law is but a promise made by men and women, by the sanction of a priest to live for aye in harmony and love.

"No priest or officer has power from God to bind two souls in wedded love.

"What is the marriage tie? Is it comprised in what a priest or officer may say?

"Is it the scroll on which the officer or priest has written the permission for the two to live in marriage bonds?

"Is it the promise of the two that they will love each other until death?

"Is love a passion that is subject to the will of man?

"Can man pick up his love, as he would pick up precious gems, or lay it down, or give it out to any one?

"Can love be bought and sold like sheep?

"Love is the power of God that binds two souls and makes them one; there is no power on earth that can dissolve the bond.

"The bodies may be forced apart by man or death for just a little time; but they will meet again.

"Now in this bond of God we find the marriage tie; all other unions are but bonds of straw, and they who live in them commit adultery,

"The same as they who satisfy their lust without the sanction of an officer or priest.

"But more than this; the man or woman who indulges lustful thoughts commits adultery.

"Whom God hath joined together men cannot part; whom man hath joined together live in sin." Aquarian Gospel, 98: 1-15.

There is but one true marriage; but as there are pseudo loves, so are there pseudo marriages. We may, then, speak of marriages spiritual, sentimental and sensual, the later including commercial marriages.

Spiritual Marriage. This is one in which the characters and idiosyncracies of the contracting parties produce a perfect equilibrium. Ancient masters tell us that people were created in pairs; that the great Oversoul in the beginning assigned one particular woman to the tender mercies of one particular man, and vice versa; and that when, in the wonderful chain of births these two meet they immediately affinitize, are irresistibly drawn together; the negative meets the positive; a union takes place, a spiritual marriage is consummated. This is marriage indeed, a marriage of which the Nazarine said: "What God hath joined together no man can sunder." Such a marriage is in no manner effected by legislative bodies or ecclesiastical courts. Human permits and licenses are not for one moment considered; the union is effected according to the laws of God, with which the judges of earth have nothing to do.

Marriage Licenses; are they Unnecessary do you say?. No, I never said so. Marriage licenses are legal documents and while men must be governed, must have civil and political institutions, these legal recognitions of the union of man and woman are **absolutely essential.** What I do say is that no one but the high contracting parties has anything whatever to do with the marriage. Rights of the parties are no way changed by legal enactments; the legal records are simply evidences to the public that such relations do exist, and that the state has formally agreed to protect the wedded pair in their rights, so far as others are concerned. The state has never yet had any trouble regarding the affairs of a true marriage, a spiritual union, for there is not power enough in the domain of Beelzebul to separate two people whom God hath joined.

Matrimonial Differences; do such ever occur? Do spiritually mated men and women always agree in opinions? Are they always alike in thought, word and deed? Bless you, no; if they were alike they would not be affinities. Under the rulings of electric and magnetic law like ever repels like and attracts its opposite, and when these opposites come together each has its own peculiarities, and differences are in evidence, and it is not necessary that the judgment of one be subject to the will of the other. When this is done there is a forced peace; inharmony steps in and proof is furnished that the union is not spiritual. In a spiritual marriage the opposite characteristics of each are, in love, recognized by the other, and the evidence of this strength of character intensifies love, and is an additional bond to hold the souls in one.

Sentimental Marriages; there are many of them. Quite a per cent of marriageable people are attracted to each other by sentiment, by admiration. Beauty of form and feature, intellectual force, fascination of speech, elegance of manners and kindred accomplishments, often produce such magical effect that an agreement is reached, and a qualified officer pronounces the contract

legal, and the matter of adaptability at once crowds to the front for consideration. Only a few weeks or months are required to demonstrate the fact that imagination has made the picture too strong; that both have been deceived; that what appeared as love before marriage was only sentiment. Other persons with more beauty, more accomplishments flit by, and what might have been probes the tender heart of both the man and the woman, and dissatisfaction spreads her awful wings over the new made home.

In perhaps, nine out of every ten cases sentimental marriages lead to appalling dissatisfaction, and the man and the woman both lift up their hands, many times, from the depth of despair and ask for some relief, but modern ecclesastics flings back the cruel taunt: "There is no help; you made your choice; you promises the priest or preacher that you would ardently love the one you took for mate until by death you shall be separated and you must do your duty; besides all this Jesus has legislated against marital separations except for the cause of statutory adultery."

Pause, O cruel doctor of divinity! who gave you authority to compel these trembling souls that you are said to have united in marriage to promise to love anything in heaven, earth or hell for the fractional part of a minute? Love is not under the control of the will. Love is superior to will. Who ever promises to love any one or anything forever is reckoning with unknown quantities. Thousands of people have mistaken admiration for love and have been led on to infatuation, which is a fickle goddess, who often leads her devotees into dreary marches and cheerless deserts. God pity the poor souls who have been wrecked upon the shifting sandbars of a sentimental matrimonial sea.

Commercial Marriages. Quite a per cent of the marriages of today are commercial affairs, entered into for personal betterment of the contracting parties along some particular line of gain. Passionate love, or politcal, social, domestic or financial considerations furnish the motive for more marriages than the ordinary thinker ever dreamed of. Upon these commercial unions (we cannot properly call them marriages) our divorce lawyers, divorce courts and newspaper muck-rakes and smut-mills thrive; for the time is always short before the pair, wedded for "special considerations" has found some other "special consideration" far superior to the one accepted at the altar, and dainty bits of scandal are either unearthed, or made out of whole cloth to convince an impressionable judge that it was the devil, or one of his imps, who led the parties into the tangled wildwoods of matrimonial infelicity; the evidence is sufficient and the kind old judge unties the Gordian knot.

Divorce.

The dictionary defines this word thus: "A legal dissolution of the bond of marriage;" and the same authority defines marriage thus: "A legal union of a man and a woman for life." These definitions give the accepted meanings of these transactions, and so they are both embraced in the dominion of law, human law, and are removed from the dominion of religion.

Ecclesiastics tell us that marriage is an ordinance, or institution ordained by God; and this is

true. They tell us further that when a man and a woman make up their minds to live together, a priest, a preacher or a justice of the peace, by an authority vested in him by somebody or something, may pronounce them husband and wife, may solemnize the marriage bond after the parties have promised a lot of impossible things. After the knot is tied, if the administrator be a minister of the Gospel, he prostitutes the words of Jesus to apply to the affair, no matter what the consideration of the union may have been, and says: "What God has joined together let no man put asunder."

What a travesty on sacred things! Is it possible that our heavenly Father has run out of legitimate business, and hasn't anything better to do than to join together in holy bonds of matrimony the most antagonistic and conflicting elements that can be found in all the earth? Any tryo in astrology could do better than is being done. The idea dishonors God, and brings the entire matter into the domain of just ridicule. A minister of the Gospel, who stood high in his calling, once said:

"I have too much respect for God to hold him responsible for all the marriages that have taken place since the beginning of the world."

Partnership vs. Marriage. Commercial and sentimental unions are not marriages according to the true meaning of that word. They stand in the same relation to the laws of God as any other transaction. Connubial partners are bought for certain considerations, and may in like manner, be sold. The so-called marriage bond is a commercial bond, and like similar documents in any business transaction, it may at any time be abrogated by the high contracting parties. The entire business lies in the domain of carnal things and the laws of men must regulate the buying and selling of the commodity.

Connubial Freedom. A lot of sensual-minded people of our day are forever harping or **Freedom—connubial freedom,** and lauding to the heavens what they call **spiritual passion,** which men and women can morally satisfy when they have attained unto a goodly degree of spiritual unfoldment. If there ever was a make-shift plea for the most diabolical sensuality it lies in these claims. Even the tyro in spiritual living well knows that passion, and all the carnal desires, belong to the lower planes of sensuality. These words are unknown to the residents of any circulum of the spirit plane; neither are the exponents of this sensual doctrine ever permitted to walk with the pure in the higher planes of existence. Make a critical study of any of the advocates of connubial freedom, and you will find them well saturated with carnality; they make use of this plea as a cloak to hide a sensual life. The whole doctrine of promiscious affinitising is of the earth, earthy, and is a menace to society.

Husband and Wife. These words refer only to the true relationship of a man and a woman in wedlock. The meaning of the word husband is **housebond;** that which insures the integrity of the home—the spiritual king of the domestic Eden. The word wife is derived from an old Teutonic word and means **queen,** the royal spouse of the king; and as no one

has power in the kingdom but the king and the queen, so no one has a right to enter the sacred precincts of a home but husband and wife and their progeny. This is a spiritual co-operative partnership, and though a demon might temporarily enter the Eden and break up the harmony, it cannot be for long for "what God hath joined together man cannot part." That Jesus referred to this sort of a marriage is evident from the historian's report of his conversation with the Pharisees as given in Mark 10: 2-9.

In all sentimental and commercial connubial unions the man is not husband nor the woman wife. The French words **Monsieur** and **Madam**, or the English words master, Mr. and mistress, Mrs. should be used and the time is coming when this distinction will be recognized.

How About Divorces? Is it right for married people to be separated? The subject of divorce is entirely eliminated in spiritual, or true marriages. Jesus said, "What God has joined man cannot part," and true affinities never desire separation. When we descend into the dominion of commercialism and sentimentalism every thing is different. The law of God, which is the law of affinity, does not obtain. Here men and women, according to the teachings of the Nazarine, prostitute themselves for gain. They operate under the law of the carnal and until this law can be abrogated it must be recognized. Here men and women have certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and the only restriction is that in their searchings they **shall not interfere with the rights of others.**

Let the clergy, and other religious fanatics, go wild in their railleries against the Divorce Laws of the United States, where divorces are easier obtained than in any other so-called civilized nation, the fact remains, as Rev. Minot Savage once said: "A large proportion of the divorces granted means kindliness and consideration toward woman, realiness on the part of the manhood of America to deliver her from crushing burdens, to set her free, to give her an opportunity to retrieve a so far wasted life."

Difficulties, yes, there are many hard problems to be solved in forming a just uniform Divorce Law, for the rights of children and wronged persons must be well considered; but with the eternal righteousness of the principle of divorce for a multitude of reasons recognized, there is an abundance of ability among thinkers who are outside the domain of dogmatic religion, to formulate a law in which justice and mercy will find an equilibrium, and we call upon humanitarians everywhere to join in a vigorous crusade for the freedom of body and soul.

Marriage of Divorcees; what have you to say regarding them? The justice of divorce having been recognized the question of the rights of both men and women to re-marry is answered. A divorce is something like an unconditional pardon for a convict, who is free to seek for happiness wherever he wills, so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others.

The True Remedy.

Divorce and multiple marriages cannot remedy the difficulties, cannot bring order out of social and connubial chaos that envelops

the human race like a pall. The difficulties lie almost wholly in the false education of the masses. The new age—this Aquarian Age, calls for a new system of education—one in which the divine theories of social and domestic science are taught to every grade in our schools, from the kindergarten to the seniors in our universities, and in every home in the land. When the philosophy of marriage and its true objects are comprehended the entire matter will be taken out of the domain of sensualism, sentimentalism and commercialism, and the spiritual union of men and women, and nothing else, will be recognized as marriage. When we have reached this high plane, every home will be an Eden and this earth will be a Heaven.

Mrs. Hugo Ames, who has been residing in Los Angeles for some time, is reported as about to bring out a book on Divorce which, her friends expect will make a stir both in literature and society.

In speaking to a circle of friends, a short time ago, Mrs. Ames is quoted as saying:

"England's divorce laws are too severe, while those of America are too lax. It is too easy to get a divorce in the United States, and it is much too hard to secure one in Europe. While divorce is imperative in cases of cruelty and infidelity, it is so much abused in the United States as to become a habit with some persons. In England, where divorce is not even granted for desertion, the severity of the laws conduce to immorality.

"I regard fidelity as the true marriage bond, so that a real marriage could never be broken. For this reason I strongly advocate such a reform as will make marriage difficult and one which will provide for a real marriage probation. The marriage of emotion, of expediency and of passion should be eliminated from society.

"Real marriage is consciousness of a divine reality, binding a man and a woman into a triune being. Marriage out of such consciousness becomes impersonal.

"Above all things, no person should ever be granted a divorce simply because they wish to marry some one else. If marriage is made a summer pastime, it loses its value as a builder of character. In the United States thousands of persons commit perjury every year in order to secure freedom from marital obligations. From such a condition the succeeding generation must suffer, and the State in which it resides must also suffer.

"Such a condition endangers home life and saps public character. Where divorces are granted, the divorce record of the principals should always be available to those who have reason to know about it."

From the remarks quoted below Mrs. Ames as a teacher of "right thinking" and "right living" is in hearty accord with the ideal The New Age stands for.

This movement recognises the true affinity of the infinite and the divine, and through it the divine potentiality of man. It does not separate religious and secular life, but sees that the holy person is a healthy person, and that all life is sacred.

Imagination and desire are at the negative pole of achievement —willing and doing at the positive."

AND when the world is ready to receive, lo, God will send a messenger to open up the Book and copy from it's Sacred pages all the messages of Purity and Love.

In that blest Age the human race will See without the aid of carnal eyes; will hear the soundless sound; will know the Spirit - God.

The Holy Breath will make all mysteries known. The mystery of the Soul, of Life, of Death, of Immortality; The oneness of a man with every other man and with his God.

The air we breathe is charged with Holy Breath, and he who wills may take this Holy Breath.

The Soul discriminates, and he who wants the life of Christ may breathe it in; according to your faith, so let it be.

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CHAPTER III.

1. The congress met; and there were present master minds from all the countries of the east; and these men knew the creeds and needs of all the peoples, tribes and tongues.

2. Meng-ste, the Chinese sage, the oldest and most educated master of day, was called to rule; and when he took his place before the great conclave of master minds, a silence like the silence of the grave, obtained, and all the people stood and bowed their heads in recognition of the greatness of the sage.

3. And Meng-ste said, men, brothers, leaders of the thought of men: There is a Brotherhood of Life; there is a true relationship in thought—the thought of all the men of earth.

4. There is a unity in aspiration and desire. The true, the good the beautiful of every land are one in earnest, pure desire to help men live the life of purity and right, and every tribe of men is doing what seems best to benefit the Brotherhood of Life.

5. While nations do not think alike, because the intellects, the great machines of thought, are not constructed just alike in people of the various tribes and tongues, there is a trend in all toward the one great end—the betterment of man.

6. My home is in the land of Lu, the native land of Kong-fu-tse; a master who was pure in thought, in word and deed.

7. A long, long time ago our people had a ruler who was master of himself, his passions and desires, and he was known as Yao king of Righteousness.

8. King Yao was no myth: he was a man made in the image of the gods like unto us; but in him Love and Mercy joined with Justice to make perfect one to rule in righteousness.

9. King Yao wrote the Sacred Books and these were books of doctrine, ethics, laws; yea they contained directions for the guidance of the people of our land in all their intercourse with every living thing.

10. The teachings of these Sacred Books are gems of sacred thought. Among the many things that Yao said, that all men can receive, we find:

11. There is one God in whom we find all Power and Intelligence. In darkness and in day he sees; he knows the wish of every heart; none can escape his watchfulness.

12. He loves his creatures all, and he would have them dwell in peace; there is a Brotherhood of Life.

13. The law of life is righteousness, and if men would be blest they must be pure in life; and

they cannot be pure in life unless their every thought is pure.

14. Man's body is a palace built for Virtue and her guests; her guests are Mercy, Gentleness and Love.

15. Man's tongue is tell-tale of the heart; no man can speak forth words of bitterness, of vileness or of wrath and have a heart of love.

16. The sure foundation rock of virtue is humility.

17. When man exalts himself he journeys down to weakness and to death.

18. When man has emptied all himself out of himself the good he learns before the sun has risen in the east he practices before the sun goes down.

19. The light of heaven shines to the bottom of the heart. Men must be partners of this light; they must conform unto this light and with this light they must be full in time; just like two instruments of music that are in full accord.

20. Gifts come from heaven; but men who are not ready to receive them when they come will get them not. Gifts do not wait for man.

21. O, men of Lu, be ready all the time! you cannot tell the day nor hour when God would pour the choicest blessings on your head.

22. King Yao lived the life; the people saw the life in him, and then they lived the life, and all the land was blest.

23. But Yao passed to his reward, and wicked kings took up the rule; and like the kings the people soon became.

24. Corruption filled our land and death rode forth on every breeze; and thus it was five hundred years ago.

CHAPTER IV.

1. Five hundred years ago Kong-fu-tse came, and he was filled with Holy Breath, and with the Wisdom of the gods, and when he saw the wickedness of men his righteous soul was grieved.

2. He cried aloud, My people, O my people, hear! Do you not know that righteousness exalts the man, the city and the state, and wickedness degrades?

3. When you were living in the light of Yao, king of Right, and lived the life of purity and peace you all were blest. All nature smiled and brought her choicest gifts and laid them at your feet.

4. But you have sinned, and you have lost your right to nature's blessedness. Your fields are barren for the rain comes not as in the former times. The sun has ceased to smile as in the days of Yao, king of Righteousness and Peace.

5. Repent, my people, O repent! return to righteousness and peace, and nature's bounties will again be poured upon our land; prosperity will smile again as in the former days.

6. Kong-fu-tse gathered up the remnants of the Sacred Books; collected all the sacred texts, and in the Book of Kings they are preserved. The Y-king, Shoo-king and the She-king are a precious heritage.

7. Kong-fu-tse was a man of great humility. He often said, I am not equal to the sages and the good. I simply study with delight the thoughts and deeds of these great men, and then I never weary teaching other men.

8. I love to quote again and then again the precious gems of thought that Kong-fu-tse gave to

the world, and that our people quote from day to day. He often said:

9. My brothers, worship all the time as though the Deity were standing by your side, for so he is.

10. There is no worship where the heart is not engaged in reverence.

11. Words count for naught. Words may be fair, and innocent the look, and still the heart be hard as stone, and virtueless.

12. Of all the things of time, sincerity and faithfulness are first.

13. Each night I question well myself; have I dealt justly with my fellow man? Have I been faithful to my friends? And has my conduct quite agreed with all the words that I have said?

14. The bad man is uneasy, full of fear; the good man has no need to fear; he is content.

15. The root of everything of good there is in human life is filial love; if one would see good days his father and his mother must be honored in his heart, and in the sight of men.

16. If one would know the future he must study well the past.

17. The good man lives because he has the right to live; we call it simply luck when bad men live.

18. A good man may transgress a law; but he is not ashamed to turn about and right the wrong.

19. But why say more. If I should write down all the helpful aphorisms of this holy man, lo, it would make a mighty book.

20. And let me tell you, brothers, you who now compose this Congress of the world's best thought, that Kong-fu-tse was heaven sent to to show what man can be.

21. He stands before us as the world's best model of a sage, a saint, a man.

22. When Meng-ste had thus said the people all exclaimed: "All honor to the Chinese sage! he speaks the truth."

THE AGE THAT IS TO BE.

The Aquarian Age announces it—
"The Kingdom of the Soul!"
And those that have the listening ear
Will hasten to enroll.

Travellers hear the ocean's roll
Before they view the sea;
And Sons of God are sensing now
The Age that is to be.

Vibrations from a higher plane
Earthward take their course.
Ye sons of men, it is for you
To give them human voice.

Proclaim this Golden Gospel
Of a glorious coming Age;
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to men,
To sinner, saint and sage.

A freedom never yet conceived,
Or spoke to human ear;
Behold, it comes in garb of love!
Right now it doeth appear.

Prepare your souls by purity;
Prepare the way by love;
Awake your souls to meet your king,
Who cometh from above.

—Y. P. ROTHWELL.

Passing out of life into the great world beyond does not bring us into the field of happiness; we waken from death as from slumber, face to face with ourselves; take heed what you sow in this world for "As a man soweth so shall he reap."

"It is because of egotism that we are ever learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth."

A good memory is one that admits of discreet forgetfulness.

RYTHMIC BREATHING.

Breath is life, inspiration, wisdom, source of health and is conducive to prosperity. Consciousness is necessary to understand our own position and our relation to others. We understand the objective and the subjective by virtue of our senses; that which we comprehend with our senses we call reality and that which is not comprehensible to the senses we call illusion; and forcing upon ourselves the illusion we create delusion and we remain in confusion or a chaotic state of mind. Breath is spirit brooding above this confusion and clears up our mind by awakening and sharpening our senses.

We recognize twelves senses, five physical, five metaphysical and two intermediate, namely: seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, touching; feeling, intuition; transmission of ideas, telepathy, spiritual discernment, clear sight and realization; corresponding to the twelve signs of the Zodiac. We are conscious of perception, motion, energy, life, form, sex, desire, thought, individuality, soul and will, and we are able to crystallize knowledge, precision, expression, affection, beauty, harmony, stability, justice, happiness, power, expansion, community, where we dwell in the center of our thought having the four cardinal points of our characteristics viz.: philosophy, religion, science and sociology.

Breath constitutes the operation in the physical system by attracting from the ethers the centralized life principle called Gal-la-ma; it controls the health action, purification and distribution of the blood; directs the vibratory action in the ganglia of the nervous system; radiates consciousness through the activity of shusamma, or the spinal cord harmonizes the thought power by energizing brain cells; imparts readiness of receptivity through the sympathetic nerve centers called **kundalini**; purifies the body through the natural food assimilation; prolongs life and induces rejuvenation, by conservation of the life fluidum; controls destiny in time and eternity by practical use of the present.

The fundamental exercise of breath may be various, for there is no absolutely established method as a causa sine qua non. For the sake of clearness and convenience we have found it expedient to practice, first, the following exercise: Take an ordinary chair, without arms (not a rocking chair); sit straight, without leaning against the back of the chair; place your feet comfortably on the floor, having all your garments loose and easy (even the feet would be better to have bare); place your hands on your knees with the fingers separated and outstretched; let your tongue rest on the lower jaw and close your mouth; breathe through the nostrils; have your eyes **open** and look straight on some little spot or dot before you; think of nothing but breath.

Take a prelude breath first, a short inhalation and short exhalation through the nostrils, in and out, in and out, five or six times, and then a long exhalation, throwing the chest forward. After the long out inhale slowly, softly, gently, to the extent of seven seconds; one second of re-

tainment to reverse the current, and then breathe out seven seconds. Continue seven seconds in and seven seconds out for three minutes once a day. After the system is accustomed to it, you may breathe twice a day, and when the rhythm is almost established you can practice this exercise three times a day—morning, noon and in the evening before sunset. In this exercise there must be concentration; we must not think of anything else, but concentrate upon that breath which enters our nostrils, and then it will be all that is necessary for health thought and the power for spirit, mind, soul and body.

T. V. JAKIMOWICZ.

(To be continued.)

CHARACTER INDICATED BY THE HAND

I shall not offend the intelligence of the reader by insisting that by means of this system of character reading one can by infallible rule absolutely predict how an individual will act in all instances. I leave this untruthful assertion to some of those people who pursue the vocation for revenue only. Nor do I insist that either cheiromancy or cheirognomy belongs to, nor even borders the realm of the empirical. This statement I leave to the **quacks** of the profession.

All that we can do in this or any other field—even in Astrology and Clairvoyance is to deal with probabilities, general traits, and tendencies. At first, this may seem little, but upon mature reflection this little will prove to be much.

The great majority of people deny the possibility of reading **human character** by either scientific, or unscientific method; and yet these people are usually most **free in the expression** of their opinions concerning strangers, and these opinions constitute the **sum of their estimate** of disposition and character.

The plain truth is that each of us in some degree of attainment, judges individual, human nature.

Nor is this tendency confined to human beings, for it obtains to a remarkable degree among animals, many of them possessing in no mean proportion, an instinctive power in this respect.

Man to a large extent, through unnatural, and therefore immoral modes of life, and artificial methods of unfoldment has lost this, and other instinctive birthrights. We observe these instincts in children, but as they grow up to the estate of adults, these purely natural powers wane under the restraints of their **civilizing** environments.

The method most frequently employed by people comprising this skeptical majority is— **to judge others by themselves.** Who has not thus suffered? The injustice of thus arrogating a standard of estimate, measurement and **comparison**, by restricting it to the domain of self, becomes apparent when considered in the light of these objections; the rule is **self-ish**; it is liable to comprehend too little or too much, therefore is not sufficiently elastic for a practical working basis; and, **very few people actually understand themselves.**

Let no one presume that his or her leading characteristics are obscured from the knowledge of even a stranger, provided that stranger possesses the indices to the revelations of human nature. Nature, the personification of the **ways** of Omnipotent Power, is thoroughly scientific in materializing her manifests whether it be suns or planets or systems or just simply human bodies.

I promised the Editor that I would in this treatise, deal with the hand as an index to character, confining my attention to the philosophy of the system rather than to entering upon the intricate maze of detail.

The lines, forms and contour of our hands, fingers and finger nails are outward expressions of our physical, psychical, mental and spiritual lives.

The true delineation of human character consists of a nice balancing between the higher and the lower selfs; for the real character of the individual is formed by persistent thoughts tending from both sources—the spiritual and the carnal.

The hand, of all members of the body, is the most closely associated with the mind; for it is the instrument which moves most frequently in obedience to the commands from the executive office of the mind—the will. The mind is the schoolmaster, the hand is the pupil; the mind is the foreman, the hand is the obedient workman; the mind is the taskmaster, the hand is the toiler; the mind is the superior, directing, the hand is the inferior, directed. The hand quickly responds to orders and is faithfully subject to its imperial dictator—the mind.

If the hand bungles its work, it is not so much the hand that bungles as it is want of attention and lack of directing power in the mind.

If the hand performs its orders deftly, the operation indicates the systematic and disciplinary methods employed in the principal office—the mind.

So in either case, bungle or no bungle, we are enabled to obtain a fair insight into the condition of the directing power—the mind, and through it, into the deeper labyrinths of the soul; for the mind is purveyor to the soul.

This intimate relation between throught and the hand, by means of a two-fold nervous system transmits electricity, magnetism, energy, Vril and Prana thus registering upon the hand a strong impress of the nature and force of its actions.

The hand, thus being the bodily instrument by which the mind moulds into objective form its images and thoughts, becomes the reflecting outerplane of those images and thoughts. As the chiseled and polished block of marble wrought into the graceful and expressive statue, reflects to the eye and mind of the one developed to appreciate the beautiful and soulful imagery of the sculptor, so does the chiseled and grooved and channeled and mounted hand convey to one versed in its silent though potent language, the elements of disposition and character in the mind, and the more shadowy, but deeper purposes and longings of the human soul.

J. L. MERRITT.

(To be continued.)

Popular Astrology II

Reading Human Character, Fortune and Destiny in the Language of the Stars.

What the Stars tell Scorpio People

BY AVALONE PARSEE.

America is the only land "overshadowed with wings." According to the maps of the heavens and of the earth drawn on Mercator's projection, described in the October number of The New Age, the zodiacal signs, Scorpio, Sagittarius and Capricorn dominate North America. Astronomers tell us that there are but two constellations of stars called the Eagle in all the heavens, and that both of them are found within the limits of these signs. Isaiah, the Hebrew prophet, in his song of triumph, referred to America thus:

"Ho, land, shadowed with wings, that is beyond the rivers of Cush, that is sending ambassadors by sea."

These facts reveal the reason why the eagle is the emblem of American protection.

Dominating Signs. — In the heavens over the extreme western part of North America, including Alaska, British Columbia, the western half of the states of Washington and Oregon and the northern part of California, we find the constellations of the great Serpents and Scorpions; but we find here also that fabled giant of the heavens, Hercules (the Sun), who strangles the serpents and brings prosperity (see mythology).

The metal symbol of Hercules is gold, and it is no wonder that Alaska is the great gold-producing country that it is.

The dominion of Sagittarius extends over the earth from the 90th west meridian to the 120th, and that of Capricorn from the 60th to the 90th. By referring to any map one can tell what sign dominates the part of the earth where he lives.

Antitheses.—Opposite signs of the Zodiac are said to be antithetic. The most of North America is dominated by Sagittarius, and this sign is antithesized in Gemini. Now, Gemini is a masculine, positive sign, and Saggitarius is a masculine, positive sign, and when two masculines are in antithesis conflicts are inevitable.

Gemini is a human sign and Sagittarius is only half human; so Gemini dominates and absolutely rules much of North America.

An Afflicting Planet—Herschel is the natural planetary enemy of Gemini, and always while it is passing through that sign produces wars and bloodshed in all nations dominated by this sign. It requires eighty-four years for Herschel to make one journey around the Sun; so it is in each sign seven years in each revolution.

In 1690 Herschel entered Gemini and the French and Indian war began, which lasted seven years. In 1774 Herschel again entered

Gemini, and the Revolutionary war began and lasted seven years. In 1858 Herschel again entered Gemini and the seeds of the great War of the Rebellion were sown which culminated in bloodshed in 1861, and the war ended in 1865 —seven years after the fatal seeds were sown. In 1942 Herschel will again enter Gemini, and the United States of America may look for trouble.

Personal Afflictions. — People who are born under Sagittarius will not receive much benefit from the influences of Gemini, and are quite apt to be harassed by the influences of Herschel.

SCORPIO PEOPLE

Those born between October 22 and November 21 will be briefly considered in this paper. In the Zodiac the sign Taurus opposes Scorpio. Both of these signs are feminine and we all know something about results when feminine opposes feminine.

A Persian astrological aphorism reads: A strictly masculine person, whether male or female, born under a feminine sign is liable to mate with a person born under the opposite sign, and vice versa. Recognizing the truth of this aphorism it is plain that a decidedly masculine character, whether male or female, born under Scorpio will be strongly drawn to Taurus people, and vice versa.

Constellations. If we would comprehend the marvelous influences of the signs of the Zodiac we must become familiar with the stars that form the constellations of each sign.

In the dominion of Scorpio we find two great serpents, and both of them are forever sending influences earthward, which, in an especial way, mould the life-forces of those born under Scorpio.

We may with propriety call these serpents, "the Serpent of Wisdom," "the Isis of the heavens," and "the Serpent of the Dust," "The Wily Seducer." One person may come into life with the benediction of the **Serpent of Wisdom** resting upon him, while another seems to carry from birth the curses of the **Serpent of the Dust.** And so we have two distinct classes of people born under Scorpio.

It is said with considerable justice that Scorpio is the breeding place of both gods and devils. Any good astrologer who can make and read a chart of any life can tell to which class the person belongs.

Characteristics. There are some characteristics that are found in nearly all Scorpio people, no matter whether they start mortal life under good or evil influences, and these may be summed up in the words **silence, tenacity, pride dogmatism.**

All Scorpio people have minds of their own, are remarkably magnetic and possess much healing power. Moreover, being endowed with good judgment, coolness and presence of mind and receiving the rays of their life-ruler, Mars, they usually make good surgeons and dentists, for they are not greatly moved by pains that others must endure, if it be for the best. In operations of any kind requiring **nerve** they succeed, for they are not disturbed by the fear of the patient. Scorpio surgeons have the name of being cruel and heartless, and they often are; but they are apt to succeed in major operations when others fail.

Scorpio natives of both types are quite intuitive, and can sense conditons quickly and with much

accurateness. They are apt to be lovers of criticism; the lower type criticising for the love of criticising, and to show their superiority in reason and argument. They are usually involved in some kind of trouble and tragedies and unpleasant affairs are altogether in their line. They are jealous, hard and cruel, and in keeping with the characteristic thoroughness of the fixed signs, they are likely to go to the extreme in wickedness. Scorpio rules the sex nature and these signs of the "Serpent of the Dust" are liable to be sensual in the extreme.

A modern astrologer, Wilson, says: "The first ten degrees of Scorpio are the face of Mars, which is the face of quarreling, fighting, mischief, slaughter, robbing, and sacking. The second ten degrees are the face of the Sun, which is a face of contention, strife, theft, of sowing mischief among men, of debate and deceit. Venus has the third face of Scorpio, a face of war, violence, drunkenness, rape and sexual lewdness. In this sign Venus hath detriment and the Moon falls. From the foregoing you will perceive that no part of Scorpio is good in any respect."

Now while Professor Wilson was a conscientious man, and, withal a good astrologer, he was able to see only the exoteric side of Scorpio. The esoteric side abounds in magnificent qualities, which give to earth some of its grandest men and women. Milton, Schiller and Keats were children of this sign.

Note. In the next number of The New Age the Persian view of Scorpio people will be given in extentio.

EDITOR.

Emotion is the touchstone of effective work along all lines, material and spiritual. Without emotion the writer or speaker is a nonentity. Emotion is the moving force of all action. Emotion moves and kindles the inspirational fires that are slumbering, and inspiration, thus awakened, consumes the error that may have been a life time accumulating, and the living light of truth will then fill the soul.

Thus we start with emotion and find our highest goal in inspiration. The soul thus expanded is prepared to receive instruction from the masters, and to go on with its unfoldment until it attains unto the highest.

L. H. Worthington.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS

Laurels that are rested upon soon wilt.

One good turn is apt to make us expect another.

Doing things in a loose manner is apt to get one in a tight place.

A wife should be a man's helpmeet, especially when it comes to help meeting the bills.

The fellow who has lost his grip can't be expected to grapple with a situation.

"Keep in the sunlight; nothing beautiful ripens in the darkness."

"Smiles and sunshine attract everywhere. If the world sees a smile on your face it will believe you to be happy, and that will help a lot. Smile anyway."

"There is no place in the scheme of things for the disagreeable man or woman except to serve as a warning for others not to become so."

UNIVERSAL PEACE

The New Age Means the Coming of the Prince of Peace

"He comes, the Prince of Peace, the king of righteousness and love; his kingdom is within the soul; * * * his breath is love; his watchword peace."

—Aquarian Gospel.

As we scan the horizon, the evidences multiply that the great day of universal peace is dawning. One of the leading daily papers of this country, in its Christmas issue last year, devoted its leading editorial to this thought and it met with a world-wide response from editors, writers and the people generally.

The Congress of the United States, before its adjournment this summer, passed the following joint resolution:

"Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that a commission of five members be appointed by the President of the United States to consider the expediency of utilizing existing international agencies for the purpose of limiting the armaments of the nations of the world by international agreement, and of constituting the combined navies of the world an internatonal force for the preservation of universal peace, and to consider and report upon any other means to diminish the expenditures of government for military purposes and to lessen the probabilities of war."

PEACE.

From the sturdy steeps of Scotland,
From the hills of Italy,
From England's strand, from India's land,
From dreamy Sicily,
From where the Amazon wanders,
From the sunny groves of Greece,
From the lands of the North, come forth, come forth,
And stand by the shrine of Peace.

Out of the Alpine quiet,
Out from the breath of the plain,
From the fair romance of sunny France,
From the beauty of fruitful Spain,
From the cold of the Russian mountains,
From the land of the midnight sun;
Where the Rhine winds down; from the desert brown,
Come nations one by one.

From Persia, Japan and Egypt,
From North, South, East and West,
From the isles of the sea, come brothers, to be
In the strength of this God-led quest,
That will end in a realm of quiet,
Where battles and discord cease.
On the supreme height, where the wondrous light
Shines bright on the shrine of Peace.

Whether your God be Brahma,
Or ye be a meek Parsee;
Be he Buddha old, or Mohammed bold,
Come, we will bend a knee.
And brother to brother praying
That earthly love may increase,
What matters your creed, if you feel the need,
Of the Guardian Angel of Peace.

And while in invocation
To your God, that strife may cease,
I at the shrine of a love divine
Will pray to the Prince of Peace,
Who taught but the law of kindness,
Who spoke of no vengeful God,
Whose watchword was Right, whose meekness was Might,
Whose mission was earth's accord.

—ALBERT FORD MULLADY,
In the L. A. Examiner.

Physical Well Being - Soul Development

Devoted to Physical well being that Man in the New Age may be perfected in body as well as mind and spirit.

"The laws of Nature are the laws of health, and he who lives according to these laws is never sick.

"He who obeys the laws, maintains an equilibrium in all his parts, and thus insures true harmony; and harmony is health, while discord is disease.

"A thousand things produce inharmony and make men sick; a thousand things may tune the harpsichord, and make men well.

"That which is medicine for one is poison for another one; so one is healed by what would kill another one.

"An herb may heal the one; a drink of water may restore another one; a mountain breeze may bring to life one seeming past all help;

"A coal of fire, or bit of earth, may cure another one; and one may wash in certain streams, or pools and be made whole.

"The virtue from the hand or breath may heal a thousand more; but love is queen. **Thought reinforced by love, is God's great sovereign balm."**

—Aquarian Gospel.

While **The New Age holds the** highest ideals in man's unfoldment along the physical, these columns are open to whatever seems helpful in enabling mankind to meet the conditions of every day life as we find them.

Advance toward these higher ideals is only obtained by constant effort and is gained step by step; there are, therefore, many stages of unfoldment and each stage requires that which it can assimulate.

Just what relation Food, Exercise and Hygiene generally hold to Spiritual Unfoldment is a question that is ever receiving attention from writers on both sides of the Atlantic.

We know that many men and women have attained to a high degree of spirituality in pain racked and deformed bodies, and that many a dyspeptic has reached a high state of unfoldment; but they have done so in spite of their hindrances and not by their aid.

The great apostle to the Gentiles was a master in the flesh and he likened life to a race when, in his letter to the Hebrews, he wrote: "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." When a runner is training for a race, and has any ambition to win the prize offered for his endurance and skill, he gives heed to every thing that will benefit him and cuts out from his daily life all that will hinder.

In the race of life is the prize offered for right living worth the while? In the Aquarian Gospel 92:11 we read, "When man comes to himself and comprehends the fact that he is son of God and knows that in himself lies all the powers of God, he is a master mind and all the elements will hear his voice and gladly do his

will." Surely the prize is worthy.

Jesus, in a conversation with a band of John's disciples, said: "A glutton is a sinner in the sight of God," and we know full well that a gross and pampered body means spiritual stagnation, for growth is impossible under such conditions.

In speaking to the Pharisees on one occasion Jesus said to them: "The law of flesh demands that we should keep the body clean. The law of Spirit calls for purity in thought and word and deed."

If we would reach a state where the eyes of soul may open up on scenes of life beyond the physical, the body must be refined by proper food and care until its vibrations are raised to those of soul. Then and only then may we hope to be able to draw our inspirations from the great eternal source of supply—the ethers of Force, Intelligence and Love.

Dr. Latson, in an article on the Prevention and Cure of Disease, published in the October number of Health-Culture, makes the following suggestions. Briefly summarized, they are: Frst, take into the body only moderate quantities of pure, simple, plain food, and separating the meals by a period long enough to enable the stomach to empty itself, say six or seven hours. Second, drink freely of pure water. Third, secure by proper elimination through the lungs, which can be assured only by breathing fully and deeply of pure air; and let it be remembered that to get the result aimed at, immunity, we must have **proper breathing** and pure air. Lastly, by keeping the eliminating organs active, active all the time. How can we keep these organs active? By free water drinking, proper breathing, pure air, exercise, the daily scrub bath, and an occasional sweat bath, and the enema.

What shall we eat and drink is not so much of speculative theory but it is altogether natural science, appertaining to life preservation, and is based upon the general intuition, as a law of nature which cannot be ignored, for there is no ignorance in natural laws.

That which grows and matures upon the surface of the earth, having fruit and yielding seed, is the proper food for man; and that which grows and matures inside of the earth or above, having no fruit yielding seed, is food for animal, but man can use them as a medicine and not as nourishment.

We shall endeavor to outline a few particular rules which may be suggestive to food selection and proper combination. There are special properties in food for muscle, for brain, for strength, for energy, but if their combination is changed all the force thereof is changed also, and may produce different effect.

This suffice, to remember for the present that proper nourishment and the staff of life is the grain product; fruits are eliminators and vegetables are regulators, but the fruits and vegetables never should be used at the same meal; same as sugar and milk never should be mixed, except in cooking.

Starchy food can be used occasionally, when the system needs it, but not as a regular dish. The fruit of the tree contains acids of the air and the vegetables contain the salts of the earth, conse-

quently we need not use very much of mineral salt or vinegar as they are detrimental. Fruits and vegetables are better in their raw state than cooked, except if the vegetables are cooked in their own juice; and the tender juicy fruit is better to eat with the skin on, for therein is the aroma of the fruit, which we need.

T. V. JAKIMOWICZ.

(To be continued).

It has been claimed by many that what we call vital force is electricity and magnetism, and that these forces are manufactured in the human body. This, however, is only a partial statement of the truth. It is true that vital force manifests in the body as electricity and magnetism, but life or vital force itself is not generated in the body. Life is a primary power; it is the source of all vitality animating the universe. From this primray power are derived such secondary forces as electricity, magnetism, mind force and nerve and muscle force. These secondary derived forces cannot be changed again into vital force in the human body. Nothing can give life but life itself. When the physical body lies dead, the life which fled from it is active in the spiritual body. Life is independent of the body, just as electricity is independent of the incandescent bulb which it fills with life.

DR. LINDLAHR.

In Health-Culture

Breathe — breathe in the blue ether as you do the atmosphere, then watch yourself grow as doth the fragrant lily that casts her radiance afar.

Systematic Rest for Women

With their highly strung organism, it is coming to be wisely understood by many women that this rest is something not only desirable but essential if they would keep both health and beauty.

The busy housewife says that she cannot find the time or the opportunity for it, but if its real value were understood and appreciated she would try very hard to find the time for it. An easy chair in a room with partly darkened windows, will enable one to secure some advantage if more elaborate preparation is impossible. Just have a regular time to relax and forget everything, if only for a few minutes.

Some of the managers of our large department stores have "seen the light" and have prepared rest rooms for their saleswomen where overwrought nerves can be relaxed and brought again into harmony by a little quiet and rest, saving loss of a day, perhaps, to the clerk and of her services to the firm.

If more time and preparation can be given to it, it can be made an hour of going into the silence where it is possible for us to grow into a soul communion with the source of all power, all intelligence and love.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Health and Happiness are conditions much to be desired. They are two conditions for which more money and energy is being spent directly and indirectly, than for any other two conditions which may be mentioned. Two conditions for which mankind are running too and fro trying to find, and yet, few there are who obtain them. Why is this so?

In the Sacred Books of the East and the West we are taught that man was formed after the likeness of God; in fact that the "higher self"—the spiritual self—is God in man. This being true, man's normal condition is perfect health and happiness. The reverse of which must be due to transgression of God's laws, or the laws of nature.

In the Aquarian Gospel 111:16 we are told that "The things of nature are the things of God, and what is God's belongs to every man alike." God in his infinite wisdom has provided a natural life for man, as well as for bird and beast and plant. Are we living a natural life or are we living an unnatural life, to which we submit ourselves as willing slaves? "Man was made a free moral agent and given dominion over the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the creeping things of the earth;" and by the Master of Galilee has been placed under the law of liberty, with the instructions not to abuse that liberty. Are we abusing it?

If we would have health and happiness, let us stop and think; let us analyze ourselves and not worry about our neighbors; let us allow them to attend to their own business.

If we are sick it is evident that we have transgressed some law of nature, either by omission or commission. Udraka, greatest of Hindu healers, gave expression to this thought: "The laws of nature are the laws of health, and he who lives according to these laws is never sick. Transgression of these laws is sin, and he who sins is sick." Aquarian Gospel 23: 5, 6. Again in the 13th verse of the same chapter he says: "When man has reached the place where he has faith in God, in nature and himself, he knows the word of power; his word is balm for every wound; is cure for all the ills of life." Have we faith in God? Let us think. Have we faith in nature? Again let us think. Have we faith in ourselves? If not it is time to stop and think.

"Physician heal thyself." How? Open wide the door and let the Christ Spirit enter into the heart, and there abide, day by day, hour by hour, in all the walks of life. Sit at the feet of the Logos and learn of him. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The Master of Galilee openly declared that he would be with us to the end.

"Oh, ye of little faith;" why suffer the slings and arrows of outraged nature, when the power of control is within thyself. "I will arise and go to my Father;" he has plenty and to spare; why should I worry?

"Where the many toil together, there am I among my own;
Where the tired workman sleepeth, there am I with him alone;
I, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwell amid the daily strife;
I, the bread of heaven am broken in the sacrament of life.

"Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and mercy done to men is done to me.
Thou hast learned the peaceful secret; thou hast come to me for rest;
With thy burden in thy labor; thou art, Felix, doubly blest.
Nevermore thou needest to seek me; I am with thee everywhere;
Raise the stone and thou shalt find me; cleave the wood, and I am there."

In papers to follow we will consider the use of Air, Water, Magnetism, Suggestion, etc.

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Dear Editor:

The facial appearance of this magazine, The New Age, is entrancingly beautiful, and its contents, varied as they are, are both interesting and eminently instructive. Long may it live, lifting its yellow banner of progress, proclaiming universal brotherhood and glorifying humanity with that moral grandeur and matchless glory that lies half hidden in the new cycle, which is to be and is being resurrected, revealed and elaborated in this New Age magazine. May the benedictions of the blessed, rest upon the editor and abide with both him and his magazine.

J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

THE NEW AGE,

Levi, the Akashic Seer and Inspired Teacher, after many years of preparation, has been permitted to bring from the higher spiritual planes many records of ages past, with their charm of story and beauty of highest spiritual teaching, and it is especially desired that through these columns they may have publication to the world.

These revelations show that through all the ages the Divine thought toward man has always been that he might live in harmony with Nature's laws, with himself and with his brother man. And because he has broken these laws and fallen from the high estate, the Divine thought has been expressed from time to time through special messengers of light; and at the beginning of every age there has appeared one through whom the Christ of Love has been able to find expression and point out the way.

We are now entering a new age—the Aquarian Age—in which the Holy Breath is to be the messenger of love, and already in every land and in every clime, she has touched millions of hearts and created in them a desire to unfold their lives to better things and wider fields of usefulness. She is preparing them for the coming of the Christ of Love into every heart which will lift mankind up to a higher plane of life, where greed and selfishness will be transmuted into loving service toward others, and will hasten the glorious day of the coming of the Prince of Peace, whose sword is Truth; whose shield is Faith; whose helmet is Innocence; whose breath is Love and watchword Peace.

Love is all, and Love shall rule. This is the Gospel of the Aquarian age which Levi is giving to the world.

Ernest Renan and Jesus

Dear Editor:

Now to a question: Did that great Semitic scholar, Ernest Renan, of the French Academy, ever say in this, or in the life beyond, that "Jesus of Nazareth was an effeminate idealist, an imposter, who performed bogus phenomena"? (The New Age, page 2.)

The writings of Renan, quite familiar to me, controvert and are widely at variance with the general tenor of the above statement.

Touching the characteristics of Jesus of Nazareth, Renan says in

his "Life of Jesus," page 210: "Jesus seems to have loved the mountains of Galilee. There he was best inspired; there he had secret conferences with the ancient prophets and showed himself to his disciples already transfigured. . . . As often happens in very lofty natures, tenderness of heart was in him, transformed into infinite poetry, sweetness and universal charm. . . . The group that pressed around him upon the banks of Lake Tiberias believed in spectres and in spirits. . . . Great spiritual manifestations were frequent. All believed themselves to be inspired in different ways. Some were prophets; others, teachers." This French author, though a rationalist ever so far as I have read, spoke most kindly of that radical teacher and martyr of Palestine.

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ERNEST RENAN.

His Views Concerning Jesus of Nazareth as Expressed in His "Life of Jesus" and as Interpreted by His Critics.

Joseph Ernest Renan was born at Trequier, Cotes-du-Nord, Jan. 27, 1823; died at Paris, Oct. 2, 1892. He was a French philologist and historian, and was the acknowledged leader of the school of critical philosophy in France.

Among the authors of the so-called "higher criticism" of the last century none displayed more profound scholarship than Ernest Renan, and his interpretations of both Jewish and Christian Scriptures were, in the main, reasonable and scientific. In 1863, after extensive researches he wrote the "Life of Jesus" and this book is well worth the critical study of all students. He recognized Jesus as one of the great souls of all times, but of course denied that he was in any sense a God.

In chapter III of his "Life of Jesus" he states that Jesus was uneducated; that he had no knowledge of the great world, of its geographical divisions; neither did he know any thing of the politics of his native land; in fact that he was antagonistic to all governments. On page 158 he says: "Jesus, in some respects, was an **anarchist**, for he had no idea of civil government. That government seemed to him purely and simply an abuse. He spoke of it in vague terms, and as a man of the people who had no idea of politics."

Renan did not believe in miracles and so he frequently gave expression to the thought that in all of the recorded miracles of the Nazarine, that he was either himself deceived, or else entered into collusion with his disciples to perform bogus phenomena for the sake of the effect.

On page 251 of his "Life of Jesus" he said:

"Almost all of the miracles which Jesus **thought** he performed, appear to have been miracles of healing."

In chapter XXII of his "Life of Jesus" Renan gives his conception of the phenomenon of the bringing of Lazarus from the dead. In this chapter he makes prominent the idea that the whole matter was a veritable farce arranged in detail by Mary, Martha and Lazarus himself and that Jesus gave himself willingly to the deception.

On page 20 of the "Life of Jesus" Renan's biographer says:

"In the case of the Lazarus miracle Renan, abandoning his more probable hypothesis of premature burial, and following the somewhat far-fetched theory of Strauss and Baur, complacently pronounces the whole affair a pious fiction."

Opinion of Critics.

Dr. Frank Hartman in his "Life of Jehoshua," page II says: "Renan regarded him (Jesus) as an effeminate idealist, an imposter who performed 'bogus phenomena.'"

In giving the opinion of a number of the world's best thinkers in an address by Levi, published in last months NEW AGE, the words of Dr. Hartman as given, were quoted, to which some of our critical correspondents have taken exceptio.n

We have no desire to misrepresent the great Renan in any particular and we have taken some pains to present him before our readers in a just way.

While recognizing him as being far from perfection, he held Jesus in the highest esteem. He concludes his "Life of Jesus" with these words: "This sublime person (Jesus) who each day still presides over the destiny of the world, we may call divine * * * in the sense that he is the one who has caused his fellow men to make the greatest steps toward the divine. Mankind in its totality offers an assemblage of low beings, selfish and superior to the animal only that its selfishness is more reflective. From the midst of this uniform mediocrity there are pillars that rise toward the sky and bear witness to a nobler destiny. Jesus is the highest of these pillars which show to man whence he came, and whither he ought to tend. In him was condensed all that is good and elevating in our nature. He was not sinless: he has conquered the same passions that we combat: no angel of God comforted him, except that which each bears in his heart. . . .

"Will great originality be born again, or will the world content itself henceforth by following the ways opened by the bold creators of the ancient sages? We know not; but whatever may be the expected phenomena of the future, Jesus will not be surpassed. His worship will constantly renew its youth, the tale of his life will cause ceaseless tears, his sufferings will soften the best hearts: all the ages will proclaim that, among the sons of men, there is none born who is greater than Jesus."

In the light of our brief summary of Mr. Renan's views we print one criticism of an esteemed correspondent without note or comment.

"Teach them that God and man were one; but that through carnal thoughts and words and deeds, man tore himself away from God; debased himself.

"Teach them that Holy Breath would make them one again, restoring harmony and peace;

"That naught can make them one but love; that God so loved the world that he has clothed his son in flesh that man may comprehend.

"The only Savior of the world is love, and Jesus, son of Mary, comes to manifest that love to men."

Aquarian Gospel, 7:18-21.

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The only Savior of the world is Love. Now Love cannot be manifest until the way has been prepared, and naught can rend the rocks and bring down lofty hills and fill the valleys up, and thus prepare the way, but purity.—Aquarian Gospel, Ch. 7: 21, 22.

"Evolution vibrates with a double movement, like that of the tides. We should not be distressed at the ebb or elated at the flood. Nature moves in an orderly way."

Look not upon the flesh; it is not king. Look to the Christ within. When you have purified your hearts by faith, the king will enter in and you will see his face.—Aquarian Gospel, Ch. 68: 13, 14.

Every man is a divinity in disguise. A god playing the fool.—Emerson.

"Never miss an opportunity to harmonize; this is the fine art of diplomacy."

Among Aquarian Workers

What they are doing in America and in Foreign Lands. Reports from Everywhere are most encouraging.

Dr. J. M. Peebles, president of the Apostolic College of the Aquarian Congress of North America, who has for many years been located at Battle Creek, Mich., has removed to Southern California and has located at 519 Fayette St., Los Angeles.

Robert Sudall, one of the "sweet singers of Aquaria," who has been the constant companion of Dr. Peebles in his many journeys for some years is with the Doctor in his new home, 519 Fayette St., Los Angeles. Few young men are more highly esteemed for their sterling worth and forcefulness in song than Robert Sudall. We often read of "inspirational singers," but this young man is a practical demonstration.

Dr. J. F. Hartin, of Hope, Arkansas, is an Aquarian teacher and healer, favorably known in many parts of our country. He has consecrated his life to the work of the Commonwealth. In a recent letter to Levi he says: "For some time I have known that there is some important work for me to do, and it now seems that the way is about to open, and with your help I will soon be qualified to do that which the Lord wants me to do."

Miss Sarah Louise Ford, Dorchester, Mass., who has been identified with the Aquarian work ever since its inception, is still in the harness. Miss Ford is author of that most wonderful book, "Interwoven," or Letters from a Son on the Soul Plane to his Mother on the Earth Plane. Everyone ought to read this book; it solves many of the hard problems of the astral domain.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Watson and **Mrs. Ida A. Noxon,** who have spent a couple of months in the Orient, have returned to their home in Pasadena, Cal. They bring most encouraging reports of the manner in which The Aquarian Gospel was received wherever they went, especially among the Japanese.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lawson, Excelsior Springs, Mo., excellent Aquarian teachers and healers, who have been, for some time, conducting **The Aquarian Rest Home** in their city, will soon remove to Los Angeles. Mother Morris of Kansas City will probably come to Los Angeles at the same time. Our home center will be wonderfully blest by the presence of these grand workers.

Prof. Edgar L. Larkin, the well known astronomer of the Mt. Lowe Observatory, California, author of many scientific books of great value, and a well known magazine writer, is a master Aquarian and will contribute some valuable papers to The New Age. There are no more concise and interesting writers in any department of science than Prof. Larkin.

George E. Hoag, of St. Louis, Mo., is himself a center of Aquarian influence in the western part of that great city. He is not contented with talk and specific braggardism, but he is ever at work securing new members for the Commonwealth and the School of Councilors. If our Aquarians everywhere would do likewise greater prosperity would soon be in evidence.

Dr. Bethella Northington, Aquarian teacher and healer, has located in Los Angeles. For some years Dr. Northington has been an Osteopathic physician and psycho-magnetic healer, and for a time was engaged in practice in San Francisco. For five years she has been traveling in Europe and America and last summer was associated with Dr. Julia Seaton Sears in her school at Oscawana-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Younger P. Rothwell, for some years a teacher in William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and later a teacher elsewhere in various schools, is located in Pasadena, Cal., where he can be in touch with the home center of the Aquarian Commonwealth.

Frederick P. Fairfield, Boston, Mass., former editor of The New Age magazine, writes The New Age a letter full of congratulations. He says: "The New Age looks fine and I can but express to you my unbounded enthusiasm for the success of the magazine and The Aquarian Commonwealth."

Mrs. Emma J. Nordrum, of 706 South Hoyne Ave., Chicago, is one of our most enthusiastic Aquarians. Many people will remember her devotion to the Aquarian cause while she lived in Los Angeles. She has carried that devotion with her into the heart of the City by the Lake, and we are confident that she will soon have there a prosperous Aquarian parish See.

Mrs. Lucy R. Walker, 4454 Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, Ill., is conducting a class in Aquarian Gospel study. Quite an interest is developing in Mrs. Walker's vicinity in Aquarian philosophy, and we hope that other Chicago workers will catch the infection and do as she is doing.

Mrs. Dr. E. B. Veazie, Kansas City, Mo., is doing excellent work in the introduction of The Aquarian Gospel in her home city. We shall hope that a Parish See will result from her industry.

Mrs. M. M. Hunter-Jones, leader of "the Home of Truth" in Venice, California, has met with phenomenal success in breathing the spirit of Truth, Peace, Love and Good Will upon the people of that famous seaside resort. There are few, if any, more efficient teachers of the heart doctrine of the Christ Consciousness than Mrs. Jones. May the full benediction of the masters rest upon her.

Mrs. Myra O. Robertson, Atlanta, Ga., is meeting with marvelous success in her unfoldment and preparation for her ministry. In 1907-8 Mrs. Robertson attended the Aquarian School of the Councilors in Los Angeles for several months. Here she began her spiritual development and she has grown in strength and knowledge and is attaining unto the mastery. A letter just received from her is full of delightful encouragements.

Mrs. L. Don Balliett has just completed a course of lectures on "Vibration of Numbers" at the headquarters of the Oriental Esoteric Society in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Josephine Miller Brown has just returned from an extended journey abroad. She has been gone eighteen months and has visited most of the countries of the Orient and of Europe. She carried with her around the world The Aquarian Gospel, which was her constant companion. Her home is 501 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles.

Mrs. G. A. Peacock, an inspirational musician of superior ability, who has spent some time in Imperial Valley, Cal., has located in Los Angeles where she can be closely in touch with the Aquarian Commonwealth center. She reads the soul side of the Aquarian Gospel and is intent on reproducing it all in song.

Dr. F. W. Underwood and **Dr. Dora A. Underwood,** who have been in Washington, D. C., practicing the healing art for some time, have located in Los Angeles. They are both graduates in Osteopathy. Mrs. Underwood was Vice President of the Temple League in Washington. They are both enthusiastic Aquarians, and their chief desire is to labor assiduously for the building of the Aquarian Temple of Peace on the Pacific Coast.

Dr. Chas. Mildenberger, conducts a New Age Sanitarium at 61-a Palmetto street, Brooklyn, N. Y., where all modern methods of treatment are employed. The doctor is a perfect specimen of a robust personality, intellectual force and spiritual power and cannot fail to be a crystalized center of Aquarian influence that will be widely felt.

There is no faith without the prayer of faith.

No one has ever asked in faith and did not have; none ever sought in vain; no one who ever knocked aright has failed to find an open door.—Aquarian Gospel, Ch. 101: 7.

MY RELIGION

Oh, happy thought! All powerful is
My God; and everywhere.
This thought bouys up and helps to
make
My passing world more fair.
For God is Love and Health and
Wealth;
And as He's all—you see,
Then certainly it must be true,
That term would include me.

Now, thought is power; and if true
That God is everywhere,
Then certainly He's in the sea,
The earth, the sky, the air;
He's in the rose—He's in the thorn,
In heart of birdling free;
Most truly then in heart of man,
And certainly in me.

"It can't be true," you say, "for why
Is man so very bad?
His acts of sin and shame and crime
Make old earth very sad."
His ignorance the trouble makes;
My answer is, 'tis bound
To find expression in the heart
Until the light is found.

Man ever seeketh happiness,
And with that aim in view
He often stumbles o'er the path
Which to it leads most true;
For the path is narrow and quite dim
To those who cannot see
Thru clouds of error, which surround
Souls seeking to be free.

But in the end the light appears,
To every human soul;
His devious paths wind up at last
Where he may see the goal;
Then to retrace his steps he tries,
And in the end succeeds;
When once the path is reached he'll
find
Supply for all his needs.

If thought is power, then may we
To whom this light is given,
Help lift our struggling fellow-man,
Whose shackles thus are riven
By shafts of light thrown out broad-
cast
From wisdom's powerful store,
And place him in the path to go
Where he will sin no more.

M. E. Freed,

PROGRESSION

The human race is divided into three classes; first, those who live in the limited world and never see anything beyond; second, those who live in the limited world and have occasional glimpses of greater things, but have not the knowledge to use the power within them, to pass through their environment and make their occasional visions of better conditions become real; third, those who are constantly passing from the lesser to the greater.

The last group is small, but there are millions today who are on the verge of a larger sphere of existence and who only need to know the way to take the first step.

The first step is desire. Desire is created by reading a good book or hearing someone tell of the wonderful world of progression beyond your horizon. When desire has taken possession of the soul then the eye of faith rises and takes a glimpse of this world beyond the limited one you have lived in—"Faith is the evidence of things not seen."

It is only through the insight by faith that the greater reality existing beyond present limitations is discovered to be real. Consciousness does not extend itself in any direction until it feels there will be ground upon which to proceed. Faith looks into the beyond of every faculty or power we possess and sees that there is much more of these same talents and powers further on.

But faith without works is dead, because it uses nothing, creates nothing. Works without faith are insignificant and of small account. But when works and faith are combined then great things be-

come possible. Faith does not come to take the place of skill or intellect. It comes to give real soul to it. Faith comes to open the door through which our efforts may pass to higher grounds, but we must work with all the energy that we have and all the skill that we can cultivate. The great principle is to combine unlimited faith with skilful work.

When Jesus was speaking to the multitude gathered around the fountain, near Perseopolis, waiting for the moving of the waters, he said: "He who believes with all his heart that he will be made whole by washing in this fountain, will be made whole **when he has washed.**" Faith opened the door and made the healing possible, but man had, by his own efforts, to make the possibility a reality.

Faith shows us the vision, but after it has been revealed in the ideal, it must be made real by practical action, real earnest work.

There is one idea of faith that we must eliminate, though it has been taught us for hundreds of years, and that is that it is something for the future of the soul only. We have been educated in that idea so long that few people understand what faith really is. It belongs to everything we do, physical, mental or spiritual. It is for all endeavor, and it has the power to inspire all endeavor with such energy and force that we simply must succeed no matter what our work may be.

In the application of faith, however, care must be taken that the whole attention be not directed upon the work to the neglect of the tools. Special care should be given to the improvement of the methods of work. The more you improve the better work you can do. Give the thought of every hour to greater attainment for yourself. Develope more power, more ability, and more faith will come to push forward all that you do.

So, as your work improves your faith grows, and so great may this become that you will have placed yourself in touch with limitless power and all things will become possible.

"On the mental and psychic planes of activity, the motive determines right or wrong."

One morning after service in the Synagogue the rabbi said to Jesus, as he sat in silent thought, "Which is the greatest of the ten commands."

And Jesus said, "I do not see a greatest in the ten commands. I see a golden cord that runs through all the ten commands that binds them fast and makes them one.

"This cord is love, and it belongs to every word of all the ten commands.

"If one is full of love he can do nothing else than worship God; for God is love.

"If one is full of love he cannot kill; he cannot falsely testify; he cannot covet; can do naught but honor God and man.

"If one is full of love he does not need commands of any kind." —Aquarian Gospel, Ch. 17: 2-7.

"Nothing comes to us for nothing; for every penny's worth that we receive Nature exacts an equivalent in effort and use."

UNION WITH GOD

"Remember Me in My earth, that I may remember thee in My heaven."

Before we can "remember" the Supreme Being, it is necessary that we should recognize and know Him, first as the Divinity that speaks within onr soul, next as the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and the universe itself! However, there are different degrees and conditions of the One Manifestation.

The earth plane and life in the physical body represents the lowest phase of the Divine principle, as existing in humanity. Hence we should not be deluded into thinking the objects and powers that relate to physical existence are of paramount importance, for only that which is of itself permanent can have a place in the life of the inner man or the permanent world of spirit. Therefore, we should recognize life on this plane as preparation for the higher life, for the unfoldment of our real powers and faculties, by means of which we attain immortality, or freedom from rebirth.

We all have the possibilities of Divinity, but so long as we are satisfied with the ambitions and pleasures of the physical life, we cannot rise to anything higher. The lower contains the higher but only in potentiality, just as the bulb contains the lily. But is it best to cherish the bulb, seeking to prolong its existence as such? Or shall we sacrifice the bulb, give it a chance to grow and develop its possibilities in the unfoldment of the beauty and fragrance of the perfect flower? Even so must the personality be sacrificed and set aside with all its cravings for sensation before the Divine spark can manifest and develop the beauties of the inner life; pure love, compassion, justice, and tolerance. We must choose. We cannot live the life of the lower self that seeks only its own gain, and the life of the soul that would sacrifice itself for others, at the same time. Only by giving up do we attain.

To overcome all sense of selfishness and separateness, one needs to realize that the higher self is only a part of the One Divine Life, only one center of consciousness in universal consciousness, and the spark must lose itself in the flames before the last great purpose of physical life is attained. And there is but one way for all who seek to become one with the Father, and that is through service and renunciation.

As we realize our Divine origin we must remember that all life is equally Divine and part of the One Life. And so long as we are intolerant toward anyone, or could do anything to hurt or take advantage of another in any way, we are working against God and being antagonistic toward Him. Our life cannot blend with His! We must die to self before we can live in Him, and in this death we attain immortality.

Thus in the physical body we overcome through sacrifice and service, and in this way only do we "remember" Him, and when our journey here is ended we shall indeed be remembered in His heaven and there we shall garner the harvest we have sown here. And in our time of need, feeling the limitations of the self, let us turn to Him, for His strength is unfailing, His love unchanging, while His is the only true wisdom.

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